

This Week

Sun 14 **Cross-Section**
(Y10-13) 7.45 – 9.00pm

Wed 17 **Day Centre** (for older people)
10am – 2.30pm

Thu 18 **Cross-Section Bible Study**
(Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm
Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm
Christianity Explored continues, 8.00pm.
Contact Andy Martin to find out more.

Fri 19 **Stay and Play** (baby and toddler
group) 10.00am – 11.30am

Night Shelter continues. To help or
contribute financially email:
ststephensnightshelter@gmail.com

Sat 20 **Compelled by Love.** 10am-
3pm. This day conference is all
about cultivating a heart for the
lost. Flyers in the foyer. Let the
office know if you are going so that
we can arrange lifts.

Sun 21 **Cross-Section**
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*There are weekly **Fellowship Groups**, on Tuesday
Mornings and Wednesday evenings. Speak to a
member of the staff team to find out more.*

Looking Ahead

**Sun 28
Jan** **New 4pm service starts, and the
6.00pm service moves to
6.30pm**

**Mon 29
Jan** **Butcher and Beer.** 7.30pm at St
Stephens. Pick up a ticket
today. Flyers in the foyer.

**Tue 13
Feb** **Raising Children in a
technology-obsessed World.**
7.30 for pancakes, 8pm start.
This parenting evening is for all, whether
you parent a toddler, a teen and all in
between.

**Mon 5
Mar** **Women's book club** are now
reading *Virtually Human*, by E
Brooks & Pete Nicholas. All
women welcome. Ask Chris Stonehouse or
Elizabeth Barry for more info.

News and Requests

**Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2018-Aug
2019.** Spend a year serving the church and
learning gospel ministry. You don't have to
be a student to apply! Details from Chris
Hobbs/Parish Office.

Day Centre urgently need two helpers to go
on the rota once per month, from February,
in order to maintain a full service to our
members. Contact Jean Phillips

Empty water bottles needed (500ml size)
for Club114 on Jan 25th. Pass them on to
Imogen please, thanks!

Address Book and Prayer Guide. New
books are available. Please sign up for one
in the foyer (books will only be available to
those who are in the book).

News from St Andrew's Kendray (a church
we support prayerfully and financially) is
available in the information rack.



14th January 2018

making and maturing disciples of
Jesus Christ in Birmingham

10.00am Morning Service

It's all here
Ephesians 1:1-14 *Chris Hobbs*

6.00pm Evening Service

Home again!
Ezra 1 *Andy Martin*

Children and young people will go to their
activities part way through the service:
Crèche and Club114 leave through the foyer.
**Sunday Club: (Scramblers, Climbers and
Explorers)** leave through the Hudson-Taylor
room at the front of church.

This morning in Sunday Club This morning in
Sunday Club we will be looking at Matthew 2.
We will see that the Wise Men treated Jesus as
King, and we should too.

Club114 will be learning about growing as a
Christian.

Refreshments are served after the services.

Toilets are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-
changing facilities are in the disabled toilets.

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New? Welcome!



You are very welcome –
whether you are looking into
Christianity for the first time,
have been a Christian for years, or
are looking for a church in
Birmingham.



Please complete the tear-
off slip overleaf and give it to
one of the staff or welcome team
wearing a badge, or place it in the
Gifts Box in the foyer. We will get in
touch with you shortly. Please also
help yourself to a Welcome Booklet
from the display in the Foyer.

Name/s

Address

Phone

Email

I would like to know more about:

- Being a Christian
- Newcomers' events
- Small Groups
- Pre-school activities
- Children's / Youth Work
- Student events
- Giving to the church
- Other

Sermon Notes:

It's all here Ephesians 1:1-14

Every Christian 'has it all':

• **Chosen by the Father (v4-6)**

• **Redeemed by the Son (v7-10)**

• **Sealed by the Spirit (v11-14)**

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Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Porter*

SONGS Guide me, o thou great Redeemer
Come praise and glorify

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG God speaks, we listen

NEWS

Children leave for their activities

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG Nothing but grace

PRAYERS *David Twiss*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BIBLE READING *Heather Woodward*

Deuteronomy 7:1-11 (page 186)

Ephesians 1:1-14 (page 1173)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

It's all here

SONG Come thou fount of every blessing
Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

Please stay on for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Name/s

Sermon Notes:

Home again! Ezra 1

The backstory:
God's promise to Abraham (Genesis 12)

God's promise to David (2 Samuel 7)

Disaster! (2 Kings 24-25 and 2 Chronicles 36)

The cast:
Kings

Prophets

The Lord

Action: Home again!

So what?
1. Trust the Lord who controls the nations
2. Trust the Lord who keeps his promises
3. Trust the Lord who rescues his people

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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN All creatures of our God and King
SONGS Up to the hill of Calvary
There is no other name

CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS *Tony Ball*
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

NEWS

HYMN I heard an old, old story
SONG Thank you for saving me

BIBLE READING *Dawn Evans*
Isaiah 44:24-45:13 (page 730)
Ezra 1:1-11 (page 473)

SERMON *Andy Martin*
Home again!

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG He's our rescuer

CLOSING PRAYER

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